

Fitzwilliam Economic Committee

June 6, 2016- Lower Town Hall Meeting Room

Meeting began at 7pm.

In attendance: Bradley Miller, Chelley Tighe, Clare Rose-Howard, Fedor Berndt, Skip Hagstrom, and Suzanne Gray. **Guest:** Bob Wolfe (sat in while waiting for another meeting)

The goals of the Economic Committee: to get businesses together to network and pool resources, build relationships among business owners, promote new members, and to revitalize Fitzwilliam.

Approved: meeting minutes of May 2, 2016

Connect, Create & Collaborate: June 13th at the Fitzwilliam Inn starting at 6pm. Brad was nominated as emcee. Suzanne will not be able to attend but is leaving the event in good hands. Suzanne brought name tags, clip boards, index cards and Fitzwilliam brochures. Chelley will use these to set up. She will also provide some light refreshments for the guests. Sign-up sheets will include the attendee's information, but not whether they would like to join the committee. It was felt that the members should ask the business owners in person. Speakers include Tracie Loock from Tracie's Community Farm and from the Small Business Development Center, Melanie Patterson and Nancy Dubosque. Tracie will be allotted about 20 minutes to address the crowd and Melanie & Nancy will say a few words about what they do. An informal ice breaker might be introductions and "why you do business in Fitzwilliam". As emcee, Brad will explain what networking is all about. A mention of the next CCC gathering is scheduled with a tentative date of September 12, 2016 and the location to be determined.

Les Lamois: Les is running for state representative serving Fitzwilliam, Rindge, Harrisville, and others. He will be at the CCC on June 6, only to meet Fitzwilliam residents. He will not be speaking, only networking with business owners.

Fitz Food Fest: Date needs to be cleared through the board, but Aug 13 is tentative. The Library is hoping it can be paired with the flea market also scheduled for the same date. Any business, farm or restaurant is invited to set up tables. The goal is to build community in Fitzwilliam and it is anticipated to be an annual event.

Volunteers: A request from the United Way is looking for a dedicated person who will recruit and organize team fundraising for the United Way. The commitment will run June through January working 2-3 hours per week. This request will be brought up at the June 13th CCC.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Meeting minutes taken by Marion Wheeler

